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**MEMORANDUM TO ALL: UNITED STATES JUDGES
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SUBJECT: *Amendments to the Rules of Practice and Procedure (INFORMATION)*

Congress has taken no action on the amendments to the Federal Rules of Appellate, Bankruptcy, Civil, and Criminal Procedure, approved by the Supreme Court on April 25, 2005. Accordingly, the following amendments to the rules will take effect on December 1, 2005:

- Appellate Rules 4, 26, 27, 28, 32, 34, 35, 45, and new Rule 28.1;
- Bankruptcy Rules 1007, 2002, 3004, 3005, 7004, 9001, 9006, and 9036;
- Civil Rules 6, 27, 45, and Supplemental Rules B and C; and
- Criminal Rules 12.2, 29, 32.1, 33, 34, 45, and new Rule 59.

The amendments were mailed to you in May 2005 as part of House Documents 109-22, 109-23, 109-24, and 109-25. In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 2074(a) and the April 25, 2005, orders of the Supreme Court, the pertinent amendments will govern all proceedings commenced on or after December 1, 2005, and "insofar as just and practicable" all proceedings then pending. The text of the amended rules can be found at <http://www.uscourts.gov/rules/amendments0405.htm>. In addition, pamphlets containing the rules, as amended, will be sent to you as soon as they become available from the Government Printing Office.

If you have any questions concerning the status of these amendments, please call Peter G. McCabe, Assistant Director, Office of Judges Programs at (202) 502-1800, or John K. Rabiej, Chief, Rules Committee Support Office at (202) 502-1820.

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